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G. V. G. & N. RAILROAD,



TIME TABLE:

Between Safford and Fort Thomas.
Taking effect Monday, Nov. 4th at 1:00 p. m.

No. 1.	No. 2.
9:00 a.m. Lv. Fort Thomas	Ar. 7:15 p.m.
9:32 a.m. Lv. Mathews	Ar. 6:42 p.m.
9:45 a.m. Lv. Pima	Ar. 6:29 p.m.
10:10 a.m. Lv. Central	Ar. 6:10 p.m.
10:20 a.m. Lv. Thatcher	Ar. 6:00 p.m.
10:34 a.m. Lv. Safford	Ar. 5:50 p.m.
10:44 a.m. Lv. Safford	Ar. 5:21 p.m.
11:00 a.m. Lv. Solomon	Ar. 5:05 p.m.
11:09 a.m. Lv. Solomon	Ar. 5:00 p.m.
11:28 a.m. Lv. Rail N Ranch	Ar. 4:32 p.m.
11:42 a.m. Lv. Big Wind Mill	Ar. 4:08 p.m.
11:56 a.m. Lv. Bailey's Wells	Ar. 4:06 p.m.
12:37 p.m. Lv. G. V. G. & N. R.	Ar. 2:18 p.m.
1:00 p.m. Ar. Safford	Ar. 1:13 p.m.

Trains Nos. 1 and 2 run daily except Sunday, connecting with Southern Pacific R. R. at Safford for all points east and west, and with Layton's stage line at Fort Thomas for San Carlos, Globe City and Tonto Basin.
Stations have no agents.
The Company reserves the right to vary this schedule as circumstances may require.
WM. GARLAND, President.

Arizona and N. M. Railway,

TIME TABLE:

Going North	No. 11	Going South	No. 1
12:00 p.m.	Ar. Safford	12:30 a.m.	Ar. Safford
2:00 p.m.	Ar. Safford	2:30 a.m.	Ar. Safford
2:30 p.m.	Ar. Safford	3:00 a.m.	Ar. Safford
3:00 p.m.	Ar. Safford	3:30 a.m.	Ar. Safford
3:30 p.m.	Ar. Safford	4:00 a.m.	Ar. Safford
4:00 p.m.	Ar. Safford	4:30 a.m.	Ar. Safford
4:30 p.m.	Ar. Safford	5:00 a.m.	Ar. Safford
5:00 p.m.	Ar. Safford	5:30 a.m.	Ar. Safford
5:30 p.m.	Ar. Safford	6:00 a.m.	Ar. Safford
6:00 p.m.	Ar. Safford	6:30 a.m.	Ar. Safford
6:30 p.m.	Ar. Safford	7:00 a.m.	Ar. Safford
7:00 p.m.	Ar. Safford	7:30 a.m.	Ar. Safford
7:30 p.m.	Ar. Safford	8:00 a.m.	Ar. Safford
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9:00 p.m.	Ar. Safford	9:30 a.m.	Ar. Safford
9:30 p.m.	Ar. Safford	10:00 a.m.	Ar. Safford
10:00 p.m.	Ar. Safford	10:30 a.m.	Ar. Safford
10:30 p.m.	Ar. Safford	11:00 a.m.	Ar. Safford
11:00 p.m.	Ar. Safford	11:30 a.m.	Ar. Safford
11:30 p.m.	Ar. Safford	12:00 a.m.	Ar. Safford

Trains run daily except Sunday.
Stop on Signal 1 Leave 1 Arrive.

PROFESSIONAL.

DENTISTRY.
Dr. M. E. Brenner, Dentist.
SAFFORD, ARIZONA.
Is prepared to make good false plates from \$10.00 up. Teeth positively extracted without pain.
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W. B. Fonda, Justice of the Peace.
SAFFORD, ARIZONA.
Special attention given to collections. Water rights bought and sold. Draws deeds, contracts and all kinds of legal papers. Titles examined and abstracts furnished.

Barnes & Martin, Law Offices.
TUCSON, ARIZONA.
Wiley E. Jones, District Attorney.
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Practices in all Federal and Territorial Courts.

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Calls answered promptly day and night.
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LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Items of Local Interest Gathered by Reporters on their Rounds.

DOINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

Breezy Little Notes of General Interest Picked up Here and There.

Mr. R. D. Duncan of this place is very ill with pneumonia.

A full line of clothing, good value at John Blake & Cos. 12-6-4t.

Hon. Burt Dunlap passed through Safford last Tuesday.

Cran berries, oranges, lemons and apples at Fonda's. 1t.

Murderer Holmes has been denied a new trial by Judge Arnold, and will undoubtedly hang.

Paints, oils and brushes at the Safford Drug Store. 10-18-4t.

Mrs. D. H. Ming and Mrs. Aurkil, of Thomas, were visitors in Safford Wednesday.

Bluestone at the Safford Drug Store. 10-18-4t.

Mrs. J. H. Tevis and daughter, of Bowie, were visitors in town this week, the guests of Mrs. Sneden.

Finest flavoring extracts at the Safford Drug Store. 10-18-4t.

One of the prettiest and most convenient cottages in Graham County has just been completed by W. T. Webb at Pima.

Do your own painting. Paint ready for use at the Safford Drug Store. 10-18-4t.

Judge Blake shipped in a car load of salt this week, and it was loaded and shipped to cattle ranches in the east end of the county this week.

Well! Well!!! But it would do you good and pay you, if you have to come 50 miles to see the display of Christmas goods at I. E. Solomon's, Solomonville, sold cheap for cash.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tyler, of Thatcher, lost two of their children by diphtheria this week. This is a terrible blow to Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, and they have the sympathy of the entire community in their terrible loss.

Every lady must have a new winter dress for Christmas. You can buy just what you want at I. E. Solomon's, Solomonville, for 20 per cent less than anywhere else. Seeing is believing. 11-29-4t.

J. N. Porter, of Thomas was in Safford Wednesday shaking hands with old friends and looking for teams to haul coke. He says he and Mr. Ming will pay 60 cents in cash per hundred for hauling coke.

Men's boots & shoes, Ladies shoes, children and infants shoes, the best line in town at John Blake & Cos. 12-6-4t.

The Wells, Fargo Express company has withdrawn all its express offices from this valley, but we understand that the railroad company will carry express and establish express offices of its own.

The best harrow—the Acme—made can be had at I. E. Solomon's, Solomonville, for \$17.00 cash. 11-29-4t.

Rev. F. W. Downs will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, on "What think you of Christ?" In the evening he will finish his discourse on "Love analyzed and love defended." All are invited to attend.

Buck wheat flour and Maple syrup at Fonda's. 12-6-4t.

A company of cavalry passed through Safford Monday enroute to Ft. Grant via Cedar Spring Pass. They camped at Pima Monday night and left early Tuesday morning, intending to make Grant by night. The company was under the command of Captain Godfrey.

Christmas goods, toys, candies &c. at John Blake & Cos. 12-6-4t.

At a large expense Dr. Porter has purchased anti-toxine serum. Where persons are exposed to diphtheria it would be wise to have them immunized with anti-toxine. It will prevent the disease for eight weeks when it must be renewed. This treatment will drive the disease from our midst.

A ten inch John Deere Plow with an extra share for \$12.50 at I. E. Solomon's. 11-29-4t.

Post Master Hunter received a card from A. M. Dunn, formerly agent at this place for the G. V. G. & N., stating that his daughter, Jessie died on the 2nd of this month at Pamon Cal. Miss Jessie visited Safford last summer to see if our climate would not help her, and remained about three months, afterwards going to California.

Gee Whizz! But you ought to see the large and fine stock of Christmas goods on display at I. E. Solomon's, Solomonville. Prices way down for cash. 11-29-4t.

Killed.

H. H. Merrill and his Daughter victims to Apache Vindictiveness.

MURDERED ON THE DUNCAN ROAD.

Sheriff Wight and Deputy J. V. Parks, with a Posse on the Trail.

SIX INDIANS IN THE BAND.

Three Gently Wounds Found in the Body of the Old Man and Two on his Daughter. The Coroner's Inquest. How Many More People are to be Killed by the Cursed Apache.

On Monday last Horatio H. Merrill of Pima and his young daughter left Pima for Clifton in a two horse wagon, arriving at Solomonville about dark, they camped on the premises of Justice Parks and were invited to spend the night with the family. Miss Eliza accepted the hospitality of the family but Mr. Merrill remained with his team.

Tuesday morning, at an early hour, they started for Clifton, and, so far as we know were never seen alive by mortal eyes, except a short time before they fell victims to Apache treachery.

Deputy Sheriff James F. Black of Duncan returning home from Solomonville passed the wagon with Mr. Merrill and his daughter about 4 o'clock a few miles west of Ash Springs. He exchanged a few words with them to whom he was a stranger, and passed on to Duncan where he arrived at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Merrill enquired of Mr. Black the distance to Ash Springs and remarked that he would drive there, water and feed his team, and so far as we know were never seen alive by mortal eyes, except a short time before they fell victims to Apache treachery. He examined the body of the old man and noticed blood issuing from his mouth soon became convinced death had claimed another victim. The girl was lying near her father with two bullet holes in her body.

Mr. Watters placed quilts under the heads of each, covered the bodies with blankets and released one horse from the wagon on which he put his saddle, and leaving his horse, which was somewhat weary, proceeded to Duncan where he informed Deputy Sheriff Black of what he had seen. Justice J. R. Haynie was called from his slumbers and a posse summoned to proceed at once to the scene of bloodshed.

A jury consisting of John Wood, Charles Holmes, Sam McMillan, John Clay, Joe A. Merrill, Leo Windham, W. Holland, J. J. Patman and T. J. Windham were summoned and started for the dark and bloody ground which was about seven miles west of Ash Springs on the public road from the county seat to Sheldon. The picture presented in the moon light, the death like silence, an old man and young girl in the rigid embrace of death, moved every heart with the solemnity of the surrounding. The jury was sworn and inspected the bodies. Mr. Watters and Deputy Sheriff Black, identified the dead and the verdict was rendered: "We the jury find that this man and woman came to their death from the effects of gun shot wounds, fired by persons unknown, supposed to be Indians."

A part of the jury remained at the scene of the murder awaiting the arrival of the Sheriff who was at once notified and with Deputy Sheriff James V. Parks, Will Parks, John D. Parks and others started without delay and took the trail of the murderers. Capt. Black says that he is convinced that the murderers were Indians, that they were six in number and afoot. He trailed them from the Duncan road

northward and about half a mile from the road found a pocketbook which belonged to the murdered girl. Justice W. J. Parks immediately telegraphed the commanding officer at Ft. Grant and probably some time in the near future a troop of cavalry will hop through the valley, return to their post and report "all quiet on the Duncan road." District Attorney Jones telegraphed Gov. Hughes, asking that a reward be offered for the murderers, which will probably be done. Since the departure of Sheriff Wight from Solomonville nothing has been heard of his posse. He has with him as brave and determined men as can be found in the West and if he is so fortunate as to overtake the murderers they will be captured or killed.

It was in '91 that Mrs. Morgan and Miller were killed near the place of the last murder and not far west the Wright brothers came to their death in '87 on the same road. Although there is no positive proof that the old man Merrill and his daughter met death at the hands of Indians, with unerring certainty, circumstances point to Apaches as the perpetrators of the dastardly deed. Doubtless before these lines are read by the public, the fiends who called the old man and the young girl from time to eternity will be on the reservation drawing rations from the government.

Horatio H. Merrill, with his family, came to this valley about six years ago from Smithfield, Cache county, Utah, where he had lived about twelve years before coming to this valley. He located on the Cottonwood wash and spent about \$2,000 in trying to reclaim a farm on that dry wash. Being unsuccessful in his efforts he moved his family to Pima, and now leaves them quite destitute. Mr. Merrill is well and favorably known in this valley. Miss Eliza was a beautiful girl and all who knew her loved her.

This terrible tragedy has cast a shadow over the entire community and makes us feel that the Apache has outlived his usefulness, and that the Government must change its mode of handling the red devils or the people of Arizona will settle the Indian question in their own peculiar way.

FIRST GUN FIRED.

Important Steps Taken in Water Litigation.

Yesterday W. H. Stilwell for the prosecution and C. F. Ainsworth for the defense, argued in the district court, the injunction case styled H. R. Slosser versus the Salt River Canal company.

The case is seemingly a friendly suit to test a principle, as Mr. Slosser tendered the requisite money for carrying to his ranch eighty inches of water. The company refused to sell him the water because he owned no shares of stock and had purchased no lease on a water right. Mr. Slosser asks for an injunction to retain the Salt River Valley Canal company from closing down the head-gate and thus depriving H. E. Slosser of the use of water for which he has tendered the carrying tolls.

Should Mr. Slosser win, the advanced step in declaring that water belongs to the people and that canals are only common carriers. The case is now under advisement. —Gazette.

Pima Happenings.

Last Wednesday and Thursday the young ladies, relief society and primary associations held a fair in which there were many nice pieces of work done by home talent, such as oil painting, needle work, quilting, fancy work etc. In all it was very successful and shows the people have a great interest in such things.

Thanksgiving went off smoothly, a number of social gatherings in which the participants report a pleasant time.

The 2 year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Watson of Central, died of diphtheria Sunday morning.

Mr. L. Dodge was taken with very severe cramps Sunday, Dr. Wightman was called and relieved him of his pain, when obstruction of the bowels set in which started him to vomiting which continued until his death Monday night.

Left For Home.

Last Wednesday morning Harry B. Fox of the GUARDIAN left for his paternal home in Falmouth Pa. to spend the holidays and to settle up his brother's estate. Mr. Fox will be absent in the East about 30 days when he will return and resume his position on the GUARDIAN. It is his intention to induce his mother to make her future home in Safford if possible.

Packer's salt for meat at John Blake & Cos. \$1.20 per 100 lbs. 12-6-4t.

BUSTLING GRAHAM.

What Supt. Netherton Thinks Of Our Eastern Neighbor.

Thriving Citizens, Good Schools and a Prosperous Community—Mormon People Advancing.

Superintendent Netherton who has just returned from Graham county, where he has been in attendance at the county thacher's institute, is loud in his praises of that growing section of the territory. He says that outside of the Salt River valley the Gila valley is the most productive and best developed section of the territory that he has yet noticed. The large alfalfa fields and orchards and the comfortable homes at Thatcher, Layton, Safford and Pima indicate the prosperity of the people.

One enterprise is now in process of organization for the purpose of building an enormous canal to be known as the Enterprise canal, which will leave the river near Solomonville, and following along the brink of the mesa furnish for the reclamation of all the unsettled land contiguous to the towns of Solomonville, Layton, Thatcher, Safford and Pima, consisting of about fifteen or twenty thousand acres, and extending on down the valley towards Thomas. The movement is being managed by the farmers themselves, and the canal when completed will belong to them, thus giving them one of the best and most economical canal properties in the territory.

The schools in the county under the management of County Superintendent Cluff and a corps of efficient teachers, will rank with any in the territory. A new public school house has just been completed at Thatcher, and a movement is on foot to unite the Safford and Layton districts for the purpose of building the finest and most commodious school building in Graham county. The question is also being considered of organizing a high school district under the provisions of the high school law passed by the last legislature.

The county institute which met last week was a very interesting and beneficial gathering and the hospitality of the Thatcher people will long be remembered by all whose good fortune it was to be there. No pains were spared by Prest. Layton, County Superintendent Cluff, Prof. Thos. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Weech, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Birdno and others for the entertainment of all visiting teachers and friends.

Fell From the Buggy.

Last Tuesday morning as Mr. D. W. French, with his mother, Mrs. Sullivan, and his little daughter Edna, was driving towards home in a buggy, he undertook to cross the ditch in front of the M. E. church. The road crossed at this point at one time but it has been so badly cut out that it is now a dangerous place to cross, but the ditch having water in it Mr. French was unable to see the danger, and when the front wheels struck the bottom Mrs. Sullivan and Edna were thrown violently from the buggy. Mrs. Sullivan fell between the bed of the vehicle and the front wheels, where she was held fast until relieved by Mr. French, while Edna was thrown to the ground immediately in front of the wheel which partly crossed her body but she was not badly hurt. Mrs. Sullivan however received several painful bruises. The only person who can thoroughly sympathize with Mrs. Sullivan is Mr. Whitney who had a similar experience last week.

Teacher's Examination.

The County Board of Examiners met in regular quarterly session, Monday, Dec. 2nd and 3rd.

The following named persons presented themselves as applicants for teacher's certificates and were examined with the following results.

Miss Ruth Guernsey receiving a 1st grade certificate, Mrs. Kate Guerero and Miss Jessie Ballance received 2nd grade certificates, while Miss Francis McCollum applied for a 1st grade Territorial certificate. Her papers were forwarded to the Territorial Board of examiners, the result to be learned hereafter.

It appears that female teachers are increasing at a greater rate than male teachers. Soon our schools will be entirely under the control of female teachers. Come young men wake up to the situation.

If you want good reliable boots and shoes go to Zundel & Fuller, at Thatcher. They have just received a mammoth stock of the best quality of boots and shoes, which they are selling at bed-rock prices for cash. We have also just received an immense stock of clothing and hardware. 12-6-4t.

WHITE SETTLERS KILLED.

Indians Slaughtering Cattle Near Hutton Mont.

From advices received from Hutton, Mont., it seems that the wards of the government are at their old tricks. Murderous Cheyennes roam at will in that section and the stockmen are in imminent danger of losing their lives on the ranges.

Stock is stolen daily, several men have been killed and there is no doubt but the Indians have killed them, though such has not been proven to be a fact.

The Cheyennes come up Corral Creek to find fat cattle, and when they find them they proceed to kill them regardless of ownership. A few days ago a settler on Corral Creek was out in the hills attending to his stock and unexpectedly rode into a camp of Indians, who immediately gave chase, and he had a hard ride to save his life.

One stockman in the vicinity states that he has had 25 or 30 head of steers killed, but is afraid to "kick," fearing worse damage.

The people are on the verge of a panic and there is great fear that the redskins will devastate the country. Hutton is a postoffice near the Wolf mountains, on the big bend of the historic Rosebud, in a little corner of the earth between the Crow and Cheyenne reservations, and being so situated the ranchmen and their families are entirely at the mercy of the Indians.

It seems however, that it is the Cheyennes alone who are making the mischief and the settlers must stand by and see their cattle killed by the redskins or be killed themselves.

The Social Club.

At the regular meeting of the Safford Social and Improvement Club last Tuesday evening, Chairman Morris of the road committee reported that the road leveler had been built and tried under the instructions of Mr. Whitney and that it does good work. He also reported that according to instructions from the Club he had waited on the chairman and secretary of the Layton town canal company, and informed them that the water running from their ditch down Graham street and causing a mud hole at the crossing of the Union Canal must be stopped. They agreed to repair the ditch and see that the water is kept out of the road.

Volunteers were called for to work on the streets Thursday and Saturday. Quite a number responded to the call which shows that the spirit of improvement is growing.

After the business was transacted the improvement Club adjourned and reconvened as the social club, and for about an hour songs, recitations, readings and speeches were indulged in.

Every person in Safford who feels an interest in the improvement of the town and who enjoys the social intercourse of their neighbor should join this club and become active members.

A Duel at Long Range.

For some time past the cow boys in the employ of J. N. Porter have been finding the carcasses of Mr. Porter's cattle which have been killed by the Indians. Therefore the boys have been on the alert in order to locate the Indians doing the mischief.

About ten days ago Lee Hickman one of Mr. Porter's men, while riding on the range north of the Gila mountains saw an Indian in the act of killing a calf. Mr. Hickman shot at the Indian with a six-shooter but missed him. The Indian dropped the calf like a "hot potato" and got into the rocks and opened fire at Hickman with a "Long-Tom" causing him to dance a "horn-pipe" at a lively rate. He shot several times at the Indian but as he was in the rocks and as Hickman was armed with only a six-shooter it was rather a one sided battle, therefore as soon as possible Mr. Hickman got out of range of the Indian's rifle. Neither of them were injured.

NOTICE.

Cut Prices in Tooth Pulling. Only 25 Cents per Tooth.

Dr. M. E. Brenner, the popular dentist of the Gila valley, will extract teeth at his office, located in Safford, for 25 cents per tooth and if any person has not the money, credit will be given them for same. He has cut all dental work to the lowest price. 11-22-2t.

TO RENT.

Five acres of land with a good young orchard and vineyard. A brick house, with four rooms, good well of water, cellar, stables, and all other necessary out houses. Also a farm of 14 acres, 10 acres or more in alfalfa. For particulars and terms apply to W. A. BENNETT, Safford. 11-8-4t.

IRRIGATION DELEGATES.

Two Appointees of the Highest Knowledge and Character.

Hon. Jesse N. Smith of Snowflake, Navajo county, and Christopher Layton, of Thatcher, Graham county, are two of the pioneer irrigators of Utah, having assisted in taking out the first canals in that territory and consequently in the United States. The former was one of the first settlers in what is now Navajo county and the latter one of the pioneer settlers of Graham county, and each led in the agricultural development of their respective counties. No two men in Arizona know more about pioneer reclamation of the arid lands to agriculture as well as the modern improvements made in irrigation than these two Arizona pioneers. It was a knowledge of these facts which probably influenced Gov. Hughes in their appointment as delegates to the National Irrigation congress which meets at Phenix next year, as they know all about irrigation from its infancy to the present day so far as it has been developed and carried on in the United States. —Tucson Star.

SHOCKING.

Details of the Butchery of the Queen of Korea and Her Attendants.

Chinese papers by the steamer Empress of China are bitter in their attacks on the Japanese authorities in Korea, whom they blame for the murder of the Queen. They assert that Japan is a nation pretending to be civilized, but is the most barbarous on earth. The Queen was hung up by the hair, and, after being otherwise abused, tied hand and foot, soaked in oil and burned in the rear of the place, her remains being reduced to ashes so that all trace might be lost. Thirty attendants of the Queen, it is alleged were butchered, their corpses being left about the palace. When the palace was attacked, of some 1,500 guards on duty, only six remained at their posts, and they were quickly dispatched. According to Chinese reports there were 15 women of title in the court, the Queen, her mother and 130 ladies in waiting. They were nearly all soaked in oil and burned, while the men's throats were cut.

GREAT GUNS.

San Francisco Batteries Are the Strongest in the World.

The battery of dynamite guns which stretches along the base south of Ft. Point for nearly a mile is now ready to deal out destruction to any invading navy that may appear within three miles of the Golden Gate. The great guns stare up at the blue sky from behind steep bulwarks. They look unlike great frogs ready to spring into the ocean. Lieutenant Milroy, who has charge of the battery, says that this battery, which defends the chief harbor of the Pacific Coast, is the largest in the world.

Reported Killed By Indians.

The report reached us this week that three of the Hinton boys, Will Allbritton and a man named Serrall, of Thomas had been killed by Navajo Indians on the head of Eagle creek a few days ago.

It is known that at least three of the above named gentlemen were in that country at the time the killing was reported, but we cannot vouch for the correctness of the report, and it is to be hoped that it is not true. If it is true it is something that never happened before on this side of the divide, and the killing of a white man by the Navajos, even in their own country is a very unusual occurrence.

Will Cattle.

At the present time everything looks favorable for a union to be effected between districts Nos. 1 and 14.

At the meeting last Saturday the committee reported that a track of land could be purchased of Alonzo Packer, in a central location for \$100 per acre, and recommended that it be secured.

A petition was drawn asking the board of supervisors to consolidate the two districts, which will undoubtedly receive the signature of four-fifths of the population of the two districts.

A remonstrance will be presented to the people for their signature, but we predict that its signers will be few.

Mr. W. D. Jefferson is acting as agent for the Guarantee Tailoring Company of New York. He has a fine lot of samples of cloth for men's clothing. When clothes are ordered through Mr. Jefferson a perfect fit is guaranteed.

Violin and Guitar strings at the Safford Drug Store. 10-18-4t.